

## ARTICLE 32: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

***(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee***

***unanimously supports this article.)***

***Responding to approximately 750 emergency calls each year, this would add \$22,000 to an existing Capital Reserve Fund established to budget for new replacement ambulances every 10 years. It is estimated that each new ambulance will cost \$150,000, one of which will need to be replaced in 2011 due to vehicle age, mileage and continual contamination with bloodborne pathogens.***

**Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01 Per Thousand**

## ARTICLE 33: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

***(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this article.)***

***This would add \$25,000 to an existing Capital Reserve Fund established to budget for the eventual state mandated reassessment of all properties in Amherst. It is estimated that the next revaluation, due in 2011 will cost in excess of \$100,000.***

**Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01 Per Thousand**

## ARTICLE 34: Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be added to the Town Computer System Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

*(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this article.)*

*This capital reserve account was first created last year to provide for emergency replacement of major software/hardware items, as well as level out the cost of significant upgrades and replacements. Town government, like almost all businesses, has continued to become more dependent on computer hardware and software for its day to day operations. All departments continue to budget individually for standard hardware/software updates and replacements; however major components such as servers and system wide software upgrades are only budgeted when they are anticipated. This creates problems as not all required upgrades in the rapidly changing world of computers can be predicted out that far. In addition, major failures can require emergency replacements that are not typically budgeted for. This capital reserve fund should be backed until a sufficient fund exists to cover these contingencies.*

Estimated Tax Impact: Less than \$0.01 Per Thousand